## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed:

- A housing for receiving at least one flammable member, the housing sized to fit behind a plane of a wall, the housing comprising:
  - a back member;
  - a plurality of side members, the side members and the back member sealed along a plurality of seams to generally define an enclosure, the enclosure having an open face generally parallel to the back member;
  - the enclosure defining an interior surface and an exterior surface, at least one of the interior surface and the exterior surface comprising a fire resistant material;
  - at least one single orifice, the orifice located in at least one of the side members, the orifice adapted to accept the at least one flammable member including a transmission member and a connection assembly, wherein the connection assembly includes a termination end secured substantially parallel to the plane of the wall; and
  - at least one attachment member, the at least one attachment member adapted to permit the enclosure to be affixed to the wall.
- The housing of claim 1, wherein the back members and the plurality of side members are constructed of a ceramic material.
- 3. The housing of claim 1, wherein the back members and the plurality of side members are metallic.
- 4. The housing of claim 1, wherein the fire resistant material comprises a fire resistant coating applied to the interior surface.

- 5. The housing of-claim 4, wherein the fire resistant coating is an intumescent coating.
- 6. The housing of claim 4, wherein the fire resistant material is an insulating material.
- 7. The housing of claim 1, wherein the fire resistant material comprises a fire resistant coating applied to the exterior surface.
- 8. The housing of claim 7, wherein the fire resistant coating is an intumescent coating.

- 9. A housing for mounting within a wall and adapted to receive an electrical cable assembly, the housing comprising:
  - a back wall;
  - a perimeter wall, the perimeter wall and back wall cooperating to define an enclosure having an open face, the perimeter wall and the back wall constructed of a fire resistant material;
  - an orifice, the orifice defined in a portion of the perimeter wall, the orifice adapted to receive the electrical cable assembly having a transmission portion and a termination portion, wherein the transmission portion transmits electrical energy, the orifice arranged so that the electrical cable assembly is oriented parallel to a plane defined by a surface of the wall;
  - a strain relief cooperating with the orifice, the strain relief adapted to securely hold the transmission portion in a desired position seal when the electrical cable assembly is disposed in the strain relief; and
  - a pair of attachment flanges carried by the perimeter wall, the attachment flanges adapted to facilitate attachment of the enclosure to the wall.
- 10. The housing of claim 9, the wall including a pair of spaced apart studs, and wherein the attachment flanges are spaced for attachment to the pair of studs.
- 11. The housing of claim 9, wherein the perimeter wall includes a top wall, a bottom wall and a pair of side walls, and wherein the enclosure is substantially rectilinear.

- 12. The housing of claim 9, wherein the enclosure includes a back wall;
  - a perimeter wall, the perimeter wall and back wall cooperating to define an enclosure having an open face and an interior surface and an exterior surface, the enclosure having a coating applied to at least one of the interior and exterior surfaces, and wherein the coating comprises an intumescent substance.
- 13. The housing of claim 9, wherein the fire resistant material is a ceramic.
- 14. A housing for insulating and securing a connection within a recess formed within a wall, the housing comprising:
  - a box-like enclosure, the box-like enclosure adapted for attachment to the wall with the box-like enclosure disposed within the recess, the box-like enclosure including an opening sized to receive a flammable portion, the box-like enclosure sized to receive the flammable portion; and
  - an intumescent material, the intumescent material coating at least one of an interior surface and an exterior of the box-like enclosure.
- 15. The housing in claim 14, the surface of the wall defining a plane, and wherein the box-like enclosure is sized so that the box-like enclosure resides entirely behind the plane.
- 16. The housing in claim 14, wherein the fire insulating material is integrally formed with the box-like enclosure.
- 17. The housing in claim 14 wherein the intumescent coating is applied to the interior surface of the box-like enclosure.

- 18. The housing in claim 14, wherein the intumescent coating is applied to the exterior surface of the box-like enclosure.
- 19. A housing for receiving a connection, the housing sized to fit within recess disposed in a wall, the housing comprising:
  - a back wall;
  - a top wall, a bottom wall, and a pair of side walls;
  - the back wall, the top wall, the bottom wall and the pair of side
    walls bonded along a plurality of seams to form an enclosure,
    the enclosure has an interior surface;
  - a fire resistant intumescent coating applied to the interior surface; an orifice, the orifice located in a selected one of the top wall, the bottom wall and the pair of side walls, the orifice adapted to accept the connection; and
  - a pair of attachment members, the attachment members fixedly attached to the enclosure, the attachment members adapted to permit mounting of the enclosure to a pair of studs disposed within the wall.